

# GOVERNMENT TIMES

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## Department of Government Excellence in Research Recognised by Political Science Community



The Department of Government has long enjoyed a strong reputation in the area of research (e.g. receiving a 4-star rating in the University's last research quality review exercise) and this was recognised at the weekend in Trinity College Dublin at the annual conference of the Political Studies Association of Ireland. **Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** received the 'Best Conference Paper' award for 'The Troika in Ireland: An Institutional Analysis of Financial Regulatory Change'. Emmanuelle was presented with her award by Dr Thomas Hennessy from Canterbury Christ Church University College in Kent (see picture above). Also at the PSAI annual conference, RTÉ's Miriam O'Callaghan launched a special issue of *Irish Political Studies* which was co-edited by **Fiona Buckley** and Professor Yvonne Galligan (formerly of the Department of Government in UCC, now Queen's University Belfast). The special issue is entitled 'Politics and Gender on the Island of Ireland: The Quest for Political Agency' and is published by Taylor and Francis. The picture above shows Fiona with Miriam O'Callaghan, and Professors Yvonne Galligan and David Farrell. Other aspects of the Department of Government's work were recognised by the PSAI with **Dr Mary Murphy** receiving the association's teaching and learning award (see picture on page 4).

# Editorial Page



## HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup>!

Things are getting busier and busier in *Government Times* HQ! We have another full issue for you today and it's our 50<sup>th</sup> in total which is quite a landmark. The successful research profile of the Department of Government is a recurring theme of the issue and we congratulate **Fiona Buckley** and **Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** on their recent achievements. Teaching and learning also features prominently and we congratulate **Mary Murphy**, **Fiona Buckley** and **Theresa Reidy** on a variety of awards. The research continues with the upcoming launch of **Aodh Quinlivan's** Freedom of the City book in Cork City Hall. To mark the launch and commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> issue we have a special competition on page 9 so please take part. The next fortnight promises to be very exciting; on Wednesday night the Constitutional Convention comes to UCC and **Clodagh Harris** has been hugely involved in this venture. Next week we have graduations and these are always special occasions – for the BSc Government the class of 2013 will be our 11<sup>th</sup> graduation group.

In finishing we would like to thank all staff and students who took part in the successful Open Day on 12 October. The BSc Government programme received a lot of interest and we hope to build on this. The picture below shows two student helpers, **Sonja Warner** and **Lorna Murphy** (BSc Government I), with **Fiona Buckley** and **Liam Weeks**.



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# COVER STORY

## Department of Government at PSAI Annual Conference



**Dr Mary Murphy**, recipient of the PSAI's Teaching and Learning Award with Professor David Farrell and Dr Andrew Cottey.

As noted on our cover page, the Department of Government had a very successful PSAI 2013 Annual Conference. As well as the launch of Fiona's special issue and the awards for Emmanuelle and Mary, staff members from the Department convened panels, chaired panels and presented papers. Here is a flavour of the department's activities at PSAI 2013.

**Theresa Reidy** chaired the session on 'Voters, Parties and Elections' and presented a paper 'Boom and Bust: Economic Voting at the 2011 Election' with Jane Suiter (formerly of Department of Government);

**Fiona Buckley** chaired the sessions on 'Women, Peace and Security', 'Elite Recruitment in Ireland, North and South' and 'Placing Irish Experience in an International Context' and also presented a paper with Claire McGinn, 'Revisiting Bochel and Denver in an Irish Context';

**Andrew Cottey** presented a paper, 'The US and Europe: America's Asia Pivot and Beyond';

**Natasha Underhill** (Department of Government BSc Government and PhD graduate) presented a paper, 'The US Pivot: A Pivot too soon?';

**Niall Duggan** (Department of Government BSc Government and PhD graduate) presented a paper, 'Threat or Peace Rise?: China's Role in International Relations in the Light of the US's Rebalancing';

**Julie Yu-Wen Chen** presented a paper, 'The Legitimacy and Paradox of International Activism to Promote the Uyghur right for Self-Determination';



# PSAI continued



**Mary Murphy** presented a paper, 'The (Unintended) Consequences of the Evolving Northern Ireland-EU Relationship for the United Kingdom';

**Phyllis Coakley** (PhD candidate) presented a paper, 'Underrepresentation of Women in Contemporary Irish Politics';

**Liam Weeks** presented a paper, 'Stuck in the Colonial Past? The Irish Party System in Comparative Perspective';

**Aodh Quinlivan** chaired the session, 'Renewing Local Government: Democracy and Efficiency';

**Clodagh Harris** presented a paper, 'TB Tools, Techniques and Traits in the Teaching of Politics in Ireland' with Brid Quinn;

**Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** presented a paper, 'The Troika in Ireland: An Institutional Analysis of Financial Regulatory Change';

**Julie Connelly** presented a paper, 'Examining the Administrative Culture of Street-Level Bureaucrats and Professionals working within the Irish Healthcare Sector';



**Julie Yu-Wen Chen** whose paper 'The Legitimacy and Paradox of International Activism to Promote the Uyghur right for Self-Determination' was well received at PSAI 2013

# CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COMING TO UCC



AN COINBHIANSIÚN AR AN mBUNREACHT  
THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSTITUTION

## PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013

7:30pm

The Aula Maxima (Great Hall)

UCC

Give your views on Constitutional issues  
for consideration in the next phase of  
the Convention's agenda

Let your  
voice be  
heard!



# Reflections on Forty Years of Irish Membership of the EU



*A major two day multi-disciplinary event exploring the evolution of Ireland's 40 year relationship with the EU and marking the re-launch of the Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies (IACES)*

*28-29 November 2013  
North Wing Council Room  
University College Cork*

*Keynote Speaker:  
Prof Desmond Dinan,  
George Mason University*

*The conference will bring together leading figures from the worlds of academia, politics, civil society, business and the media, including: Geraldine Byrne Nason (Department of the Taoiseach), Ann Cahill (Irish Examiner), John Coakley (UCD), Bernadette Connaughton (UL), Francis Jacobs (European Parliament), Pat Ivory (IBEC), Muiris MacCarthaigh (QUB), Mary C. Murphy (UCC), John O'Brennan (NUIM), Noelle O'Connell (European Movement), Paddy Smyth (Irish Times).*

*Further info: [reflectionsconf2013@ucc.ie](mailto:reflectionsconf2013@ucc.ie)*

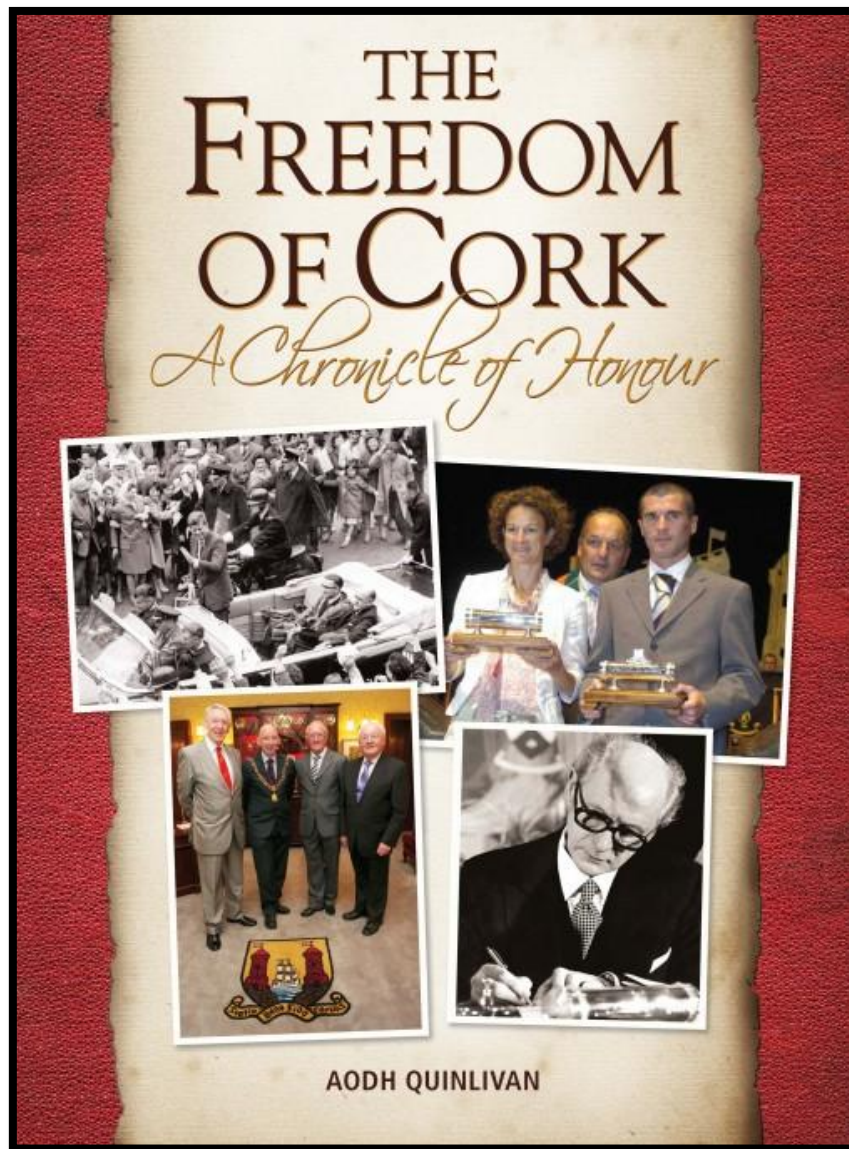




# FREEDOM OF CORK BOOK

By Dr Aodh Quinlivan  
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\*With research assistance from Pádraig Mac Consaidín  
(BSc Government IV)

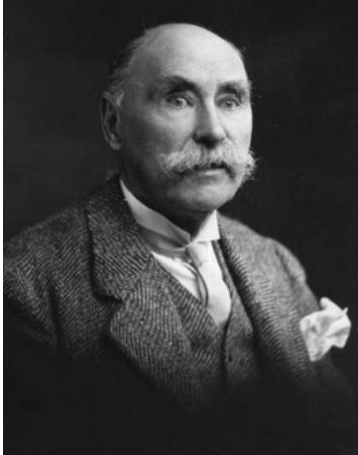


Book Launch by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Catherine Clancy,  
in Cork City Hall on Thursday 21 November at 6:00pm

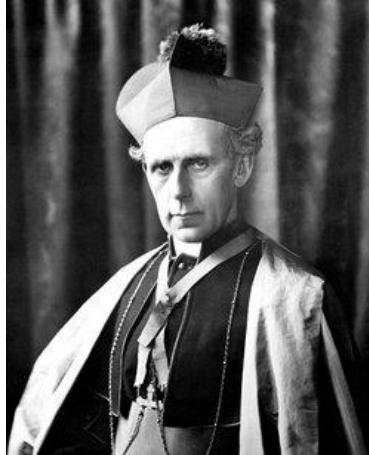
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# Who are these six freemen of Cork?



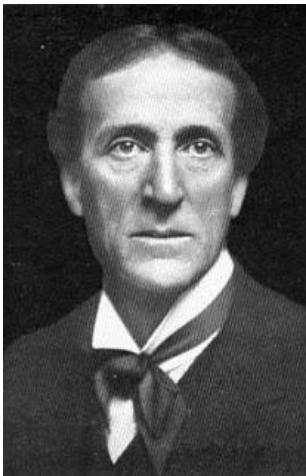
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Submit your answers not later than 5:00pm on Friday 25 October  
to [a.quinlivan@ucc.ie](mailto:a.quinlivan@ucc.ie).

The winner will receive a €20 National Book Token  
and can buy the Freedom of Cork book!!

# Opinion Pieces by Aodh Quinlivan in *Le Monde* and *The Guardian*



While the national media has not been paying much attention to the massive changes underway in Irish local government, the international media is showing interest and Dr Aodh Quinlivan has recently published articles on the subject in *Le Monde* and *The Guardian*. Both pieces were written with Yannick Cabrol, a former visiting student in the Department of Government.

The article in *Le Monde*, entitled 'L'Irlande, modèle de réussite pour les Politiques d'austérité? Pas si sûr ...' was published on 9 October and is available at the following link:

[http://www.lemonde.fr/idees/article/2013/10/07/l-irlande-modele-de-reussite-pour-les-politiques-d-austerite-pas-si-sur\\_3491406\\_3232.html](http://www.lemonde.fr/idees/article/2013/10/07/l-irlande-modele-de-reussite-pour-les-politiques-d-austerite-pas-si-sur_3491406_3232.html)

The article in *The Guardian*, entitled 'Austerity plans could see Ireland scrap 83 councils – but will it help?' was published on 21 October and is available at the following link:

<http://www.theguardian.com/local-government-network/2013/oct/21/ireland-future-local-government-austerity-reform>

Based on a positive reaction to his opinion piece in *The Guardian* Aodh has been asked to write a follow-up article about the innovative ways Irish local authorities are dealing with the financial cut-backs in their sector.

# Alumni Corner



BSc Government graduate (2009), **Peter Horgan**, is on the move again! Since graduating, Peter has worked mainly in journalism and PR. He has worked as a political, news and business journalist and sometimes dabbled in sports reporting, entertainment reviews and travel writing. He was the Travel Extra 2012 Young Travel Journalist of the Year. Following stints in the *Munster Express* and *Cork Independent*, Peter entered the world of PR with CAMEO Communications in Cork. Peter's latest move is into the world of politics and he has recently accepted a position as parliamentary assistant. We wish him well in this endeavor.

Peter is a former Whalen intern at the New York State Assembly (his placement in third year of the BSc Government) and he has a YouTube video about our programme at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IT8xe2Y1LM>

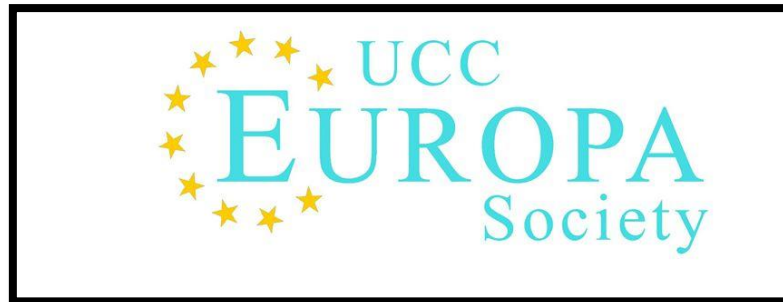
Another BSc Government graduate (2007) who has made a name for himself in journalism is **Joe Galvin**. Joe is currently based in London and writes for Storyful. Storyful is the first news agency of the social media age and was founded by Mark Little (formerly of RTÉ). Through his studies, Joe developed a keen interest in social media and wrote about the use of the internet by the Green Movement in Iran in 2009-2010.

We wish Joe continuing success. Check out his blog at:

<http://blog.storyful.com/author/joe-galvin/>





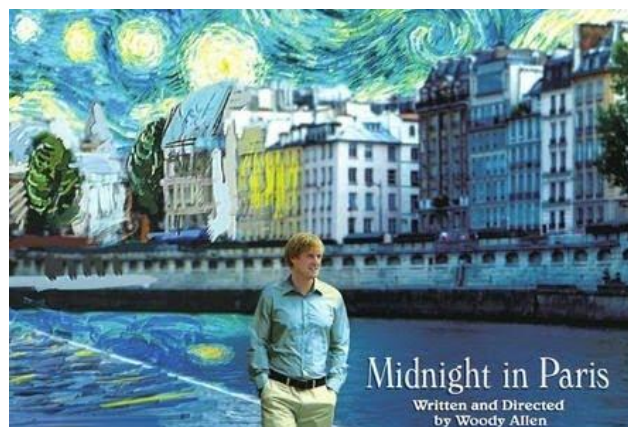


On **Wednesday 23 October** we will be screening Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris* at **7pm** in **Boole 1**.

Taking place in Paris, *Midnight in Paris* follows Gil Pender, a screenwriter, who finds himself mysteriously going back to the 1920s every day at midnight.

For more on *Midnight in Paris* follow this link: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1605783/>

There will be free treats for all in attendance!



See Facebook event page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/253861558094424/?ref=5>

Next week's event: Information Talk: Postgraduate Study in Europe

Next **Tuesday, 29 October**, at **6pm** in **West Wing 6** we will be hosting an information talk on the (usually inexpensive!) postgraduate study options in Europe. Come along to find out about your options and to ask any questions you may have.

See Facebook event page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/751260034887939/?ref=5>

**Caroline Sheehan**  
**Auditor**

# SUCCESSFUL POST-GRADUATE INDUCTION DAY



**Above:** Liam Weeks and Laurence Davis with some of our PhD and MSc students, including Tony Costello who is also on the teaching staff this year.

**Dr Liam Weeks** is the department's new Post-Graduate Director and he organised a great induction event on Thursday 17 October. The students on our various post-graduate programmes were welcomed by Head of Department, **Dr Andrew Cottey**, and then received presentations from Liam, **Dr. Julie Connelly** (who recently passed her PhD Viva) and **Dr Aodh Quinlivan** (Director of MSc Government programme).

Liam then delivered a research seminar entitled 'Stuck in the colonial past. Explaining the Irish party system from a comparative perspective' which was followed by an enjoyable social event.



# GOVERNMENT STAFF RECOGNISED FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING



On Thursday 10 October, University College Cork (UCC) honoured staff members for their outstanding contributions to University life at a ceremony in the Aula Maxima. This year, for the first time, the Awards Ceremony combined presentations and accolades to winners from three separate Award Schemes: Teaching & Learning; Staff Recognition; and Research. In the **Teaching & Learning Awards**, 17 members of staff participated in eight Awards for **Research into Innovative Forms of Teaching**. Four **Teaching Fellows** were appointed to support the work of the University's Centre for Teaching and Learning - Ionad Barrie - and to imbed best teaching practices in each of the four Colleges.

Three Department of Government staff members were recognised under the Teaching and Learning category. **Fiona Buckley** (picture above) and **Dr Theresa Reidy** received awards for research into innovative forms of teaching. In addition, **Dr Mary Murphy** (picture above) was appointed as the Teaching Fellow for the College of Business and Law.



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- @PoISocUCC is the Twitter account for the Government and Politics Society
- @ucceuropa is the Twitter account for the UCC Europa Society
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